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IN RE APPLICATION OF JEAN-FRANCOIS FARDEAU

FOR: DEVICE FOR MEASURING THE DIMENSION AND CONTROLLING OF  
DEFECTS IN OPTICAL FIBRES DURING PRODUCTION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

The Assistant Commissioner of  
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